

**TOWN OF SHREWSBURY
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 15, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 P.M. in the Shrewsbury High School auditorium when Moderator Kevin T. Byrne announced a quorum of town meeting members in attendance. The official checklist showed 200 town meeting members present, including members at large.

As the first order of business the moderator examined the warrant and the constable's return and asked for and received unanimous consent to waive the reading of the warrant.

The moderator led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Newly elected town meeting members in attendance were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties.

A moment of silence was observed to remember Town Meeting Member Elizabeth Strong who passed away in December, 2005, and in memory of Pfc. Brian M. Moquin, Jr., a former Shrewsbury High School student, who was killed on May 5, 2006 while serving in Afghanistan.

The moderator introduced newly elected Selectman James A. McCaffrey and newly elected School Committee member Marian Smith.

A procedural motion presented by the moderator was moved and seconded and it was

VOTED that each session of the 2006 Annual Town Meeting shall adjourn for the evening not later than 10:30 P.M. provided that any motion before the meeting at that time shall be completed and shall reconvene on Wednesday, May 17th at 7:00 P.M. and further on Thursday, May 18th at 7:00 P.M.

An asterisk indicates articles recommended by the Finance Committee.

***Article 1: Reports of Town Officers and Committees**

Update Report on the Proposed Library Building Project

Thank you Mr. Moderator for this opportunity to address Town Meeting Members and provide an update on the proposed building project at the Shrewsbury Public Library.

As you know, the Board of Library Trustees recently held informational sessions for Town Meeting Members.

- > We understood these committee reports are very limited (in time and questions) and we wanted to provide an opportunity to provide detailed information on the project
- > Wish to thank those who were able to attend
- > Some excellent questions were asked, and we hope we were able to adequately answer participants' questions.

Tonight, we don't have the liberty to provide the full detail and information that was offered at the forums. Instead we hope to provide a general update and explain how interested parties can obtain further information and details.

To Start:

Go back about one year ago, you will recall that approx. one year ago (May 2005), the Board of Library Trustees came to Town Meeting for consideration of 2 items.

- > Permission to submit a grant application to the Mass. Public Library Construction Grant program
- > Approval of the design concept for the renovated and expanded building

- > Town meeting approved both and we have been working on the project since.

Completed Activities:

GRANT APPROVAL

In July 2005, we received word that a grant of \$3,447,311 was approved for the proposed project. Although approved, we were informed that we would have to be placed on a "waiting list", to await the release of funds for public library projects

- Approved for a grant of \$3,447,311
- Now waiting for funds to be released to our community
- #7 on waiting list of what was originally 25 communities
 - Since then we have been moved up to number 6 on the list, because of funding changes at the state level (and more communities have been added to the waiting list)
- Legislature is currently considering a \$75 Million construction bond bill for this program -
 - A best estimate for when this funding might be released is in July 2007 or later.
- We offer special thanks and congratulations for George Brown who wrote the grant application

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

- 18 member Steering Committee has been formed
- Within the next few weeks will be establishing a trust document for the "Proceeds of the Shrewsbury Public Library Foundation"-to collect support for the project.
- The committee is just completing a feasibility study of the community to assess the campaign and the campaign goal

BUDGET REVIEW AND VERIFICATION

- Worked with the Town Manager, the project architects and myself, to review the project budget
- Verified each line item and compared against recent project costs
- Revised Contingency budget to reflect changing construction climate
- Developed debt service schedule for project

INFORMATION CAMPAIGN

- Committee formed to provide information about the project
- Had a series of Open Houses on the project, with library tours and opportunities for people to have questions answered
- Produced a cable program on the proposal-another is currently being planned
- Planned a series of Town Meeting Member forums (Thanks you to those who attended.)

Next Steps:

- > **Presentation to the Board of Selectmen** - with more detail
 - Work with them to decide on appropriate time for voter consideration
- > **Continued work on Fundraising Campaign**
 - Integrating feasibility study results into overall campaign plan
 - Build support and coalitions needed to move project forward.
- > **Informational meetings, programs, mailings, etc.**
 - Will be providing regular updates to Town Meeting members, through a series of mailings
 - Will continue to inform the community through mailings cable programs, reports to various committees, etc.
- > **Monitor the development of state capital funding**
 - Will continue to work with our legislators Rep Polito and Sen. Augustus
 - Monitor release schedule, and work with Select Board to assess impact of release date.

Further Information:

We appreciate the limited nature of this report (time frame and lack of questions) so we want to be sure to let Town Meeting Members or people in the audience at home know how to obtain more information

- > On our website
- > At future informational sessions
- > On cable program
- > In future mailings
- > Visit the library
 - o Informational center with details such as the schematics, project budget, debt projection, grant information and more
- > In person, please ask questions of our board, myself or our Assistant Director
 - o We would all be very happy to provide information

List of Committee Members:

Board of Library Trustees

George Strom
Joan Barry
Kevin McKenna
Barbara Carpenter
Carl Larson
Rosemarie Rennie
Fran Whitney
Laurie Lindberg Hogan

**Shrewsbury Public Library Foundation
(Steering Committee)**

George Brown
Kevin Byrne
Barbara Carpenter
Ashish Cowlagi
Richard Denio
Maurice DePalo
Maureen Fujimori
Carol Geary
Mel Gordon
David L'Ecuyer
Mindy Jean McKenzie-Hebert
Debra Mooney
Fern Nissim
Dorothy Perkins
Rep. Karyn Polito
Judith Polito
George Strom
Frances Whitney

Information Committee

Mark Adler
George Brown
Barbara Carpenter
Carol Borgatti Cullen
Pamela Dejeu
Ellen Dolan
Carol Geary
Paul German
Vanessa Hale
Peter Murphy
Bonnie O'Brien

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY a motion to accept the report of the Library Building Committee.

***Article 2: Wright and Harlow Charitable Fund**

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY a motion that the following individuals be named trustees of the Wright and Harlow Charitable Fund:

Carlo P. Alano	Raymond G. Harlow
Gail E. Claflin	Donald R. Gray
Beverly S. Fisher	Dawn Shannon
Bernice L. Gordon	

***Article 3: Personnel Bylaw
Classification and Compensation Plan**

The Personnel Board recommended the position of appointed town clerk be placed on the salary schedule at DH-3 level. To compensate the current town clerk for the loss of benefits available to an elected official, it was recommended that the salary of the incumbent town clerk be granted at DH-4, Step E.

VOTED a motion to place the position of town clerk on the salary schedule at DH-3 level and to compensate the current town clerk at DH-4, Step E, and to amend the Classification and Compensation Plan and the Consolidated Personnel Bylaw by repealing the salary schedules and the assignment of position classes to compensation grades and by adopting new salary schedules and new assignment of position classes to compensation grades prepared by the Personnel Board and on file in the office of the Town Clerk and said new salary schedules and the assignment of position classes to be effective on July 1, 2006.

***Article 4: Medical Expenses
 Retired Disabled Police Officers and Firefighters**

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY a motion as stated to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,044.29 to pay the medical expenses of retired disabled police officers and firefighters.

***Article 5: Transfer from Free Cash
 to Various Departmental Appropriations**

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY a motion to transfer \$203,000.00 from Free Cash to the following departmental appropriations for Fiscal 2006:

Department	Account	Acct Number	Amount	Reason
Highway Department	Overtime	01-0421-03-510090	\$ 28,000	Snow and Ice Control
	Rental of Equipment	01-0421-04-520140	47,000	Snow and Ice Control
	Salt & Chemicals	01-0421-05-540060	19,000	Snow and Ice Control
Public Buildings	Electricity	01-0192-04-520010	85,000	Electric Costs
	Natural Gas	01-0194-04-520020	24,000	Heating Costs
		Total	\$203,000	

***Article 6 Town Budget
 Finance Committee Report**

The moderator presented the budget for consideration by the town meeting members under general headings, line items, classifications and department.

The following amendments and changes in the budget were approved by the Finance Committee and voted by the town meeting members.

Personnel Board 119 (page 18)

VOTED a motion to delete under (9) Separately Iden. Apps., the sum of \$500 and insert the sum of \$400,500; to delete under (1 to 9) Grand Total, the sum of \$600 and insert the sum of \$400,600.

Town Manager 123 (page 18)

VOTED a motion to delete under (1) Salaries-Prof., Exec.,Admin., the sum of \$111,921 and insert the sum of \$115,279; to delete under (1-2-3) Salaries-Grand Total, the sum of \$276,509 and insert the sum of \$279,867; to delete under (1 to 9) Grand Total, the sum of \$284,809 and insert the sum of \$288,167.

and accepting the same to the various departments and purposes as specifically set forth in detail in the report of the Finance Committee as amended except that line items 1, Salaries-Professional, Executive, Administrative, 2, Salaries-Secretarial and Clerical, and 3, Salaries-All Other, be combined under Salaries Grand Total 1-2-3 and considered as one appropriation for all budgets and that line items 4, Contractual Services, 5, Supplies and Materials, and 6, Other Expenses, be combined under total 4,5,6 and considered as one appropriation for all budgets and further appropriate all receipts and other sums of money in accordance with and as recommended in said report as amended, and do further move that, in accordance with Chapter 41, Section 108 of the General Laws, the salaries of all elected town officers be fixed at the amounts and rates set forth in the Finance Committee's report, as amended, effective from July 1, 2006, and all salaries and wages are hereby made effective from July 1, 2006 said wages and salaries to be at the rates set in the Classification and Compensation Plan and the Consolidated Personnel Bylaw in

effect July 1, 2006 that said report, as amended, be received and placed on file and that the sum of \$81,135,129 appearing in the Fiscal 2007 printed grand total of all departmental budgets be deleted and the sum of \$81,955,713.00 be substituted in place thereof.

VOTED a motion to take Articles 15 and 16 out of order.

***Article 15: Economic Opportunity Area, TIF Zone
 334 South Street**

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY a motion to (a) designate as an Economic Opportunity Area, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 23A, sections 3A through 3H, for a term of twenty years the land at 334 South Street, Shrewsbury, containing approximately 42.444+/- acres, shown on Assessor's Plate 35, Plot 39; and (b) designate said Economic Opportunity area as a Tax Increment Financing Zone and adopt, for the purpose of protecting and growing the job base and tax base of the Town, a Tax Increment Financing Plan entitled "Plan to Promote the Economic Stability and Growth of the 334 South Street Economic Opportunity Area and TIF Zone," dated March 20, 2006, on file with the Board of Selectmen and Town Clerk.

***Article 16: Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Agreement
 Charles River Laboratories, Inc. and Town of Shrewsbury**

VOTED a motion to end debate and vote the printed motion.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY a motion to (a) approve the form of the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Agreement between Charles River Laboratories, Inc. and the Town of Shrewsbury on file with the Board of Selectmen and Town Clerk; (b) authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute the TIF Agreement, and any documents relating thereto, and to take such other actions as are necessary or appropriate to implement those documents; and (c) authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve and certify proposed projects as provided in the TIF Plan and to apply to the Economic Assistance Coordinating Council of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the Economic Development Incentive Program for approval and designation of the Economic Opportunity Area, TIF Zone, TIF plan, and any certified projects, and take such other and further action as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this article.

VOTED at 10:33 P.M. a motion to adjourn to Wednesday, May 17, at 7:00 P.M.

ATTEST:

Ann M. Dagle, CMMC
Town Clerk